## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ex rel. DILBAGH SINGH, M.D., PAUL KIRSCH, M.D., V. RAO NADELLA, M.D., and MARTIN JACOBS, M.D.,

Civil Action No. 04-186E

Relators,

v.

BRADFORD REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, V & S MEDICAL ASSOCIATES, LLC, PETER VACCARO, M.D., KAMRAN SALEH, M.D., and DOES I through XX,

Defendants.

# INITIAL DISCLOSURES OF DEFENDANTS V & S MEDICAL ASSOCIATES, LLC, PETER VACCARO, M.D. and KAMRAN SALEH, M.D., PURSUANT TO FED. R. CIV. P. 26(a)(1)

Defendants V & S Medical Associates, LLC ("V & S"), Peter Vaccaro, M.D. ("Vaccaro"), and Kamran Saleh, M.D. ("Saleh") (collectively, the "V & S Defendants"), through their undersigned attorneys, make the following disclosures pursuant to Rule 26(a)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

### PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS

1. These disclosures are based upon information presently known and/or available to counsel for the V & S Defendants. The V & S Defendants have not yet completed their investigation of the facts relating to this action, nor have they completed discovery or preparations for trial. The V & S Defendants reserve the right to rely on any facts, documents, witnesses, or evidence which may develop or come to their attention subsequent to these Initial Disclosures. The V & S Defendants reserve the right to supplement or amend these Initial Disclosures at any time prior to the trial of this action.

- 2. The V & S Defendants do not waive any objections that they may assert that documents or other materials are protected from discovery by reason of the attorney-client privilege and/or work product doctrine, or other privileges or immunities, or are protected from discovery because they reflect the impressions, conclusions, opinions, legal research or theories of their attorneys.
- 3. The V & S Defendants reserve the right to object to the discovery or admissibility of any evidence on any basis, consistent with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Federal Rules of Evidence, respectively. The V & S Defendants' disclosure of individuals and categories and locations of documents and things shall not constitute a waiver of any objections on the basis, inter alia: (i) that certain documents are not relevant or reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence; (ii) that certain documents are not responsive to the Relators' discovery requests; (iii) that discovery sought by the Relators is unreasonably cumulative or duplicative or more easily obtained from some other source that is more convenient, less burdensome, or less expensive; (iv) that the burden or expense of discovery sought by the Relators outweighs its probative value; and (v) that the V & S Defendants are unable to produce certain witnesses or documents as being outside of their control.

### **INITIAL DISCLOSURES**

- 1. Name, last known address and telephone number (if any) of individuals likely to have discoverable information that the V & S Defendants may use to support their defenses and claims in these proceedings:
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Information regarding the equipment sublease between V & S and Bradford Regional Medical Center ("BRMC") and negotiations related thereto, BRMC's Policy on Physicians with Competing Interests and related credentialing issues, and other matters related to the claims of Relators and/or defenses of the V & S Defendants.

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Information regarding BRMC's Policy on Physicians with Competing Interests and related credentialing issues.

s. Other present or former employees or Board of Director Members of Bradford Regional Medical Center.

Information regarding the equipment lease between V & S and BRMC and negotiations related thereto, BRMC's Policy on Physicians with Competing Interests and related credentialing issues, and other matters related to the claims of Relators and/or defenses of the V & S Defendants.

- t. All witnesses identified in Plaintiffs' Rule 26(a) Disclosures.
- u. All witnesses identified in BRMC's Rule 26(a) Disclosures.
- v. Witnesses identified in the documents produced by the parties.
- w. Any expert or other witnesses who will be subsequently disclosed by Defendants or Relators.

- 2. The V & S Defendants possess, *inter alia*, the following categories of documents, data compilations and tangible things that they may use to support their claims and/or defenses in this action:
  - a. Correspondence, including letters, faxes and e-mails;
  - b. Agreements, leases, and drafts thereof;
  - c. Financial and Accounting Records;

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- d. Invoices/Billing Statements/Payment Records/Claims Forms, including, but not limited to claims for payment from Medicare, Medicaid and CHAMPUS submitted by the V & S Defendants;
- e. Other documents relating to the lease of nuclear imaging equipment by BRMC and V & S;
- f. Other documents relating to BRMC's Policy on Physicians with Competing Interests and credentialing issues; and
- g. Other documents relating to an Under Arrangement Proposal regarding diagnostic imaging.

These documents originate from and are located at the offices of V & S Medical Center, located at 24 West Washington Street, Bradford, PA 16701. Additional documents are located in the offices of counsel for the V & S Defendants.

- 3. No damages are presently claimed by the V & S Defendants.
- 4. The V & S Defendants are unaware of any insurance agreement under which any person carrying on an insurance business may be liable to satisfy part or all of a judgment which may be entered in the action or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy the judgment.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Initial Disclosures of Defendants V & S Medical Associates, LLC, Peter Vaccaro, M.D. and Kamran Saleh, M.D., Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1) was served on each of the following attorneys via First Class Mail, postage prepaid, on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2006:

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